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Democrats Demand Action on the Sale of Violent & Sexually Explicit Video Games to Children

Detroit – Several state Senators joined Governor Jennifer Granholm today in calling for the passage of legislation that would ban the sale of adult-rated video games to minors. Detroit-area state Senators Hansen Clarke, Irma Clark-Coleman, and Martha G. Scott believe safeguards are needed to protect Michigan's children from adult-rated content. Currently, there are no state or federal laws that regulate the sale of adult-rated video games to minors.

"We have a responsibility to our families and our communities to ensure that all businessesincluding the video gaming industry- behave ethically and refrain from targeting products to our children that hurt our families," said Sen. Clarke. "Even the best parents need their government to take common sense measures to help keep our children safe."

Sen. Hansen Clarke, the author of the legislation to ban the sale of adult-rated video games to minors, held press conferences in Lansing and Detroit today to show the media video clips of a video "game" entitled *The Guy Game* in which players are asked trivia questions and are rewarded for correct answers with actual video footage of women exposing themselves. The game does not use animation but actual DVD quality video footage. It holds a "Mature" rating and has the tag line, "the better you play, the more skin they'll show."

"We must protect our children," said Sen. Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park). "As lawmakers, we must advocate for our most vulnerable citizens and make sure they are defended against those who may harm them for profit."

"No parent should have to worry that their underage child has unchecked access to violent and highly sexualized video games," said Sen. Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit)